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Dear friend and Wife
By the help of god I am
able to answer your kind
letter which I received today
it found me better I am
putting up winter quarters
I am a good deal better
at my work and I hope
your lines may find
you enjoying the same
blessing of god I have
nothing of interest to write
Sam is poorly yet the
rest of our family is
better

I think I will
get along now you
wondered at some thing
about my tax return [39]
I didn't return no money

I didnt make a no
return at Taul but
my ~~State~~ State and court
Tax that is all I court
on paying for I had
to give a refunding
Bond for my money
I didnt call it
my one Til that Bond
was lifted I returned
nothing dont you
i think I am paying
him a new Tax by my
all in the conference
if you can get her
wedch take him
I would prefer ~~the~~
him before ellict
if you cant soot your
self better saw both
the fresh fields in wheat
wedch field in oats